



# Agricultural Preservation Update

Billy Willard  
Agricultural Leaders Luncheon



# Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

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# New Agricultural Land Preservation Regulations

## Building Lot Termination Program (BLT)

- Sets up publicly-funded program
- Open purchase periods
- Properties ranked based on size, soils, number of BLTs sold, land tenure, proximity to other protected or threatened properties, approved on-site
- Key feature – demonstration of approved on-site septic system that will be permanently retired
- Offers extended based on availability of funding





## Agricultural Land Preservation UPDATE on BLT Program

- BLT Comparative Analysis Appraisal Study Completed January 2011
- APAB Recommended to County Executive the BLT Base Value and BLT Maximum Easement Value
- Through Executive Order MCEO NO. 030-11 the County Executive Establishes BLT Base Value at 60% of the Appraisal Study's Fair Market Value (FMV) and the BLT Maximum Easement Value at 70% of the FMV
- First Open Purchase Period Announced April 1, 2011 – May 31, 2011



## Agricultural Land Preservation UPDATE on BLT Program

- DED received 7 applications for 13 BLTS
- On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the APAB Evaluated and Ranked all 7 applications in accordance with Executive Regulation 3-09AM
- The APAB provided recommendations to the Director of Department of Economic Development (DED)
- DED's Director endorsed APAB BLT Ranking Recommendation (June 23, 2011)



## Agricultural Land Preservation UPDATE on BLT Program

- Offers were extended to 3 of the 7 applicants
- Offers ranged from \$232,500 to \$258,750 per BLT
- Total Funding for 1<sup>st</sup> Open Purchase Period was \$1,755,000
- Which would purchase a total of 7 BLTs
- We anticipate a 2<sup>nd</sup> easement purchase period during the winter 2011



## For More Information

- Contact: John Zawitoski – Agricultural Land Preservation Program Administrator  
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- The Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. 7:30 pm at the Upcounty Regional Services Center